THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per inquiries conducted by BSF no such cross-border tunnel underneath the fencing along the international border in Rajasthan could be located. Strict vigilance is being maintained by the BSF to check illegal trans-border activities.

Terrorist groups behind bomb blasts

936. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Union Government agencies recently arrested more than 39 top ranking SIMI leaders in various States in connection with serial bomb blasts in Delhi, Jaipur, Surat, Ahmedabad etc. which showed striking similarities with the bombings in jaipur, including the manner in which the bombs were assembled and planted;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government Interrogators have come to know that "Muslim Technical Persons Organization" and "Home Grown Islamic Terror Group" are also operating in the country; and

(c) if so, who is behind above mentioned terrorists groups operating in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per available information, 28 persons were arrested in connection with serial bomb blasts in Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Surat and Delhi from Mumbai, Pune, Mangalore, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi in addition to 23 SIMI activists from Ahmedabad, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh for providing logistic support and footwork in connection with the above mentioned blasts.

(b) and (c) There is no information of any group/organization like 'Muslim technical persons organisation'. However, interrogation of the arrested persons has revealed that they received support from various professionals.

Steps to curb cross-border terrorism along Indo-Bangla Border

937. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government has adopted to curb the cross border terrorism through Indo-Bangladesh border;

(b) whether Government is aware that illegal migration from Bangladesh through North-Eastern States is one of the major reasons for prevalence of terrorism in the States and in the country;

(c) the steps taken by Government to protect the lives of innocent people of Assam State in details;

(d) the steps taken by Government to step the illegal uninterrupted flow from Bangladesh and detect and deport these migrants; and